

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for searching a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein said media clip database contains information, including keywords and hidden criteria associated with find similar clips indicia, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database, comprising:

(a) in response to a user selecting a media clip, retrieving information, including hidden criteria associated with find similar clips indicia and keywords, associated with said selected media clip from said media clip database;

(b) simultaneously presenting said keywords associated with said selected media clip to the user for selection by the user; and:

(i) said keywords associated with said media clips; and

(ii) said find similar clips indicia having associated hidden criteria; and

(c) in response to the user creating search criteria by selecting one or more of said keywords and/or said find similar clips indicia associated with said selected media clip, retrieving all media clips in said media clip database that have associated keywords that match the one or more keywords associated with the selected media clip selected search criteria created by the user.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising presenting a user with all of the retrieved clips.

3. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprising, in response to a user selecting one of the retrieved clips and the user selecting creating a search criteria for the newly selected clip, retrieving all clips in the clip database that match the search criteria for the newly selected media clip.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising presenting a plurality of media clips available for selection to a user.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the media clips are based on a media type.

6. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the search criteria is a predetermined keyword~~ ~~the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia is based on artistic style.~~

7. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the search criteria~~ ~~the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia~~ is color.

8. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the search criteria~~ ~~the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia~~ is shape.

9. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the search criteria is the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia includes~~ both color and shape.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the keyword keywords are selected from~~ is a list of keywords.

12. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~the keyword designates keywords designate~~ the format of the clip.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said retrieving all clips in ~~a said~~ clip database that match the search criteria ~~for the selected media clip, created by the user~~ applies only to clips having a media type that matches the media type of the selected media clip.

15. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in any one of Claims 1-14 ~~1-9, 11, 12, or 14~~.

16. (Currently amended) A method for providing a user interface for a visual thesaurus for a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein said media clip database contains information, including hidden criteria associated with find similar clips indicia and keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database, comprising:

directly in response to a user selecting a media clip from said media clip database, displaying to the user an option for finding similar media clips that have an associated find similar clips indicia hidden criteria, and/or a keyword that matches the find similar clips indicia hidden criteria, and/or keyword associated keyword for with the selected clip.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein the user interface comprises:

- (a) a graphical indication of the selected clip; and
- (b) a button for the option for finding similar clips to the selected clip.

18. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 16, further comprising, in response to a user selecting the option for finding similar clips, displaying means for the user to select search criteria for finding similar clips, wherein said search criteria is based solely on keywords includes find similar clips indicia hidden criteria, and/or a keyword associated with said selected clip.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein means for the user to select search criteria for finding similar clips is a fly-out window.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising displaying to the user an option for inserting the selected clip into a document.

21. (Original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising displaying to the user an option for previewing the selected clip.

22. (Original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising displaying to the user an option to add the clip to one or more categories.

23. (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method recited in any one of Claims 16-22.

24. (Currently amended) An apparatus for searching a plurality of media clips, comprising:

- (a) a processing unit; and
- (b) a storage medium coupled to the processing unit, the storage medium storing program code implemented by the processing unit for:

(i) providing an interface for a user to select a media clip from a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein said media clip database contains information, including hidden criteria associated with find similar clips indicia and keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database;

(ii) providing an interface for the user to select search criteria based on keywords find similar clips indicia hidden criteria and/or a keyword associated with said selected media clip; and

(iii) in response to the user selecting the media clip and the search criteria, retrieving all media clips in the media clip database that have an associated find similar clips indicia hidden criteria and/or a keyword that matches the selected search criteria for the selected media clip.

25. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the program code further presents a user with all of the retrieved clips.

26. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the program code further retrieves all clips in the clip database that match a search criteria for a newly selected media clip, in response to a user selecting one of the retrieved clips and the user selecting the search criteria for the newly selected clip.

27. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the program code further presents a plurality of media clips available for selection to a user.

28. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 27, wherein the media clips are based on a media type.

29. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the search criteria is a predetermined keyword the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia is based on artistic style.

30. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the search criteria the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia is color.

31. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the search criteria the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia is shape.

32. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein the search criteria is the hidden criteria of said find similar clips indicia includes both color and shape.

33. (Canceled)

~~34.~~ 34. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~331~~, wherein the keyword is selected from keywords are a list of keywords.

~~35.~~ 35. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim ~~331~~, wherein the keyword designates keywords designate the format of the clip.

36. (Canceled)

~~37.~~ 37. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 24, wherein said retrieving all clips in a said clip database that match the search criteria for the selected media clip, applies only to clips having a media type that matches the media type of the selected media clip.

38. (Currently amended) An apparatus for providing a user interface for a visual thesaurus for a media clip database associated with a multimedia application program, wherein the media clip database contains information, including hidden criteria associated with find similar clips indicia and keywords, that describes each associated media clip in said media clip database, comprising:

(a) a processing unit; and
(b) a storage medium coupled to the processing unit, the storage medium storing program code implemented by the processing unit for displaying to a user an option for finding similar media clips that have associated keywords find similar clips indicia hidden criteria, and/or a keyword that match the] matches an associated keywords keyword for a selected media clip, directly in response to the user selecting the media clip.

39. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the user interface comprises:

(a) a graphical indication of the selected clip; and
(b) a button for the option for finding similar clips to the selected clip.

40. (Currently amended) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the program code displays means for a user to select search criteria that is based solely on keywords find similar

clips indicia hidden criteria and/or a keyword associated with said selected clip for finding similar clips, in response to the user selecting the option for finding similar clips.

41. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 40, wherein means for the user to select search criteria for finding similar clips is a fly-out window.

42. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 38 wherein the program code further displays to the user an option for inserting the selected clip into a document.

43. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 38 wherein the program code further displays to the user an option for previewing the selected clip.

44. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 38 wherein the program code further displays to the user an option to add the clip to one or more categories.